

SESSION GUIDE



Week Five – February 6-10, 2012



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Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 9, 2012, by 5 p.m. – Requests to draft Ceremonial Resolutions must be submitted to House Bill Drafting.

Understanding the Budget Process: Amendments

Summary of [House Rule 12.5\(3\)](#):

(b) Whether on the floor or in any committee or subcommittee, whenever an amendment is offered to an appropriations bill that would either increase any state appropriation or decrease any state revenue for any fund, such amendment shall show the amount of the appropriation increase or revenue decrease for a fund by line item and by section and shall decrease an appropriation from within the same appropriations allocation and sub-allocation (as determined by the Speaker) or increase a revenue to the fund in an amount equivalent to or greater than the corresponding appropriation increase or revenue decrease required by the amendment.

(c) Whether on the floor or in any committee or subcommittee, an amendment offered to an implementing bill or to a conforming bill shall not increase a state appropriation to a level that is in excess of the allocations or sub-allocations determined by the Speaker for a fund.

(d) Whether on the floor or in any committee or subcommittee, any amendment offered to an implementing bill or to a conforming bill that reduces revenues supporting appropriations must raise the equivalent or greater revenue for the same fund from other sources.

House Business

Floor action on the General Appropriations Bill, and related implementing and conforming bills will take place Wednesday, February 8 and Thursday, February 9, 2012. Below is a timeline for the bills:

- **Monday, February 6, 2012, no later than 12 p.m.** – All requests for main floor amendments to the General Appropriations Bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for main floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
- **Monday, February 6, 2012, no later than 4 p.m.** – Packages of amendments will be available.
- **Tuesday, February 7, 2012, no later than 12 p.m.** – All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for the General Appropriations Bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
- **Wednesday, February 8, 2012, during session (scheduled from 10:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)** – Second reading of the General Appropriations Bill, and implementing and conforming bills.
- **Thursday, February 9, 2012, during session (scheduled from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.)** – Final passage of bills read a second time on February 8, 2012.

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